Sl.No.	Name of project	Amount sanctioned
10.	Development of Village Deulajhari, Distt: Angul, Rural Tourism	50.00
11.	Integrated Development of Koraput Circuit "Koraput-Deomali-Jeypore-Upper Kolab-Gupteshwar as a tourist circuit in Orissa	692.00
	TOTAL:	2019.12

Lack of Infrastructure in Andaman and Nicobar for Handling Tourists

849. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tourism is picking up in Andaman and Nicobar after the Tsunami;

(b) whether lack of infrastructure for handling huge number of tourists in this remote region is resulting in a number of complaints from the tourists; and

(c) if so, what is the action plan of Government to address this issue?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The development and promotion of tourism is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/UT administrations themselves. However, the Ministry of Tourism provides funds on the basis of project proposals prioritized for grant of central financial assistance every year to them for the following schemes:

(i) Tourist Circuits

(ii) Product Infrastructure and Destination Development

(iii) Large Revenue Generating Projects

No project proposal from the Andaman & Nicobar Island Administration has been received for grant of Central Financial Assistance during 2006-07. The Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned HAMFEST-a convention of International Amateur Radio Operators at Port Blair during 2005-06 for Rs. 6.25 lakh.

Apart from the above a Concept Note was sent to the Planning Commission recommending Rs. 76.50 crore for the revival of Tourism in Andaman & Nicobar Islands on the basis of which special outlay has been allocated for Andaman & Nicobar Islands by the Planning Commission.

Setting up of Indian Institute of Hotel Management

850. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government propose to set up more Indian Institutes of Hotel Management;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Central Government also propose to strengthen the existing institutes; and

(d) if so, the estimated cost of setting up of new institutes and strengthening the existing institutes?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Ministry of Tourism provides grant-in-aid to cover capital expenditure relating to the setting up of Institutes of Hotel Management (IHMs). The Ministry has sanctioned grant-in-aid during 2006-07 for setting up of new institutes at Silvasa in the Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and another at Boothgarh, Mohali in the State of Punjab.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The budget provision for the scheme which *inter alia* provides for setting up of new Institutes of Hotel Management (IHMs) and strengthening of the existing ones is Rs. 50.00 crores for the year 2007-08.

Financial assistance by World Bank and ADB for development of tourism in Delhi

851. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether financial assistance has been provided by World Bank and ADB for development of the tourism sector particularly in Delhi during the last three years;